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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/536,686	Applicant(s) CARCANAGUE ET AL.
	Examiner NIZAL S. CHANDRAKUMAR	Art Unit 1625

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If no period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED. (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 August 2008.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1.3-5.9-11 and 14-19 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) 10,11 and 15-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1.3-5.9,14 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/06)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Applicants response filed 08/11/2008 is acknowledged.

Response to Applicants Remarks

Interview summary filed 05/09/2008: Applicant state that there is no 112-2 rejection present in the office action 05/09/2008 and as such it is not clear what amendments needs to be made in claims. The amendments discussed in the interview pertain to 112-1 issues and the typographical error on the part of the Examiner is noted.

Rejoinder: Rejoinder of method claims will be considered when the base compound claims are deemed allowable.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor or carrying out his invention.

Previously presented rejection of claims 1, 3-5, 9 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph (scope of enablement) is maintained for reasons of record. Applicant's arguments and amendments to the claims overcome part of the rejection.

With respect to the 'making' aspect of the enablement rejection, Applicant is non-responsive to the issues raised by the Examiner. For example, Examiner's reasoning in office action on page 4, lines 7-21 are not addressed by the Applicant.

With respect to the "use" aspect of the enablement rejection, Applicant states that the initial burden is on the Examiner to provide reasonable explanation as to why the scope of protection provided by the claim is not adequately enabled by the disclosure. Applicant is reminded that this aspect of the rejection was considered in the context of what chemical structures were disclosed, the scope of the claims *and what is taught in the prior art* (see rejection under 35 USC § 103).. The instant disclosure (with respect to the use of this compounds) is limited to compounds containing the variables R3a = R2a' = R6a' = R2b = H and R6b = F (see page 25 of the specification). Adequate reasoning behind lack of use aspect of requirement was presented. See previous office action page 4, lines 15-17 and 22.

Genentech Inc. v. Novo Nordisk A/S (CA FC) 42 USPQ2d 1001, states that "a patent is not a hunting license. It is not a reward for search, but compensation for its successful conclusion" and "[p]atent protection is granted in return for an enabling disclosure of an invention, not for vague intimations of general ideas that may or may not be workable".

Limiting the variables as R3a = R2a' = R6a' = R2b = H and R6b = F would overcome the 112-1 rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Previously presented rejection of claims as unpatentable over Lee et al. is maintained for reasons of record.

Applicant argues that derivatives of Lee et al. do not encompass instantly claimed compounds. This is not found to be persuasive. The major portion of the claimed formulae in the instant case and the prior art similar. As pictured in the previous office action, page 6, these formulae are drawn to two similar five membered heterocycles (A and B of the instant formula) linked by the same pyridyl-phenyl biaryl moiety. Further the linear connectivity of four rings of similar size and structure with similar substituents is identical in both cases. Applicant states that there is no reason to make necessary changes to the compounds of Lee to arrive at the claimed invention. This argument contradicts well known drug-design techniques (reasons) for optimization of known structural templates. To one skilled in the art, the differing variables R1a and R1b of the instant case are same and commonly used alternatives to one taught by Lee et al.

Double Patenting

- A. Applicants requests that double patenting rejection based on copending applications is held in abeyance.

- B. The rejection based on claiming 'same invention' of US 7192974 is withdrawn.

Double patenting rejection on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over US 7192974 is maintained.

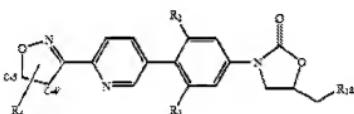
The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

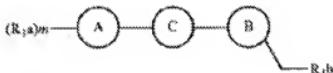
Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Applicant's requests clarification of the rejection.

The claims 1-8 and 12 of the issued patent are drawn to compounds of the formula

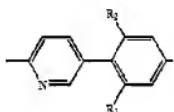


corresponding to the instantly claimed formula

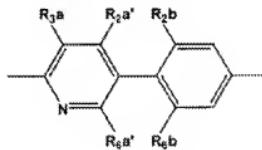


US 7192974

Instant case



is defined as H



The claimed substituents on the four identically connected same rings are similar and are used alternatively in the medicinal chemistry art the study of structure activity

relationship for optimization of known structural templates. See rejection under 35 USC § 103.

Claims 1,3-5,9,14 are not allowable.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NIZAL S. CHANDRAKUMAR whose telephone number is (571)272-6202. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.30 AM - 4.30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet Andres can be reached on 571 0272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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